

REMARKS:

The Examiner required a restriction as follows:

Group I, claim(s) 26-32, drawn to a method for continuous coating of cores.

Group II, claims(s) 33-38, drawn to an apparatus for continuous coating of cores.

Group III, claim(s) 39-42, drawn to a method for continuous coating of cores.

Group IV, claim(s) 43-49, drawn to an apparatus for continuous coating of cores.

He stated that each groups I-IV would have different special technical features such as

Group I would claim dividing the charge of product to be processed at the inlet side of the drum into individual charges.

Group II would claim one longitudinal conveyor arranged in the drum wherein the product is transported in a cyclical transport mode in the form of individual charges through the drum in the axial direction.

Group III would claim providing a transition, and

Group IV would provide a longitudinal conveyer is temporarily switched from conveying operation to mixing operation.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute any non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications should this prove necessary to do.

Regarding the traversal, Applicants respectfully submit that a search and examination of the full set of claims can be made without occasioning a serious search burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, the Examiner should reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement altogether. *MPEP* § 803.

In this regard, Applicants do not believe that a complete search of the coating apparatus claims cannot be made without searching the method areas and vice versa. Consequently, the search of either group would include a search in the place where the other group is *primarily* classified.

Assuming that this restriction requirement is not reconsidered and withdrawn, Applicants take notice of the rejoinder provisions, if applicable, and will call on the Examiner to exercise same at the appropriate time.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,
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